[DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR]

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service

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Notice of Intent to Conduct Public Scoping Meetings and to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement Related to the Elliott State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan; Correction

AGENCIES: Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior; National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent, to conduct scoping meetings; Correction.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published a document in the Federal Register on May 9, 2005, with an incorrect date for written comment submissions. The document advised interested parties of their intent to conduct public scoping under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) necessary to gather information to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on an anticipated permit application from the Oregon Division of Forestry (ODF) submitted under of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the incidental take of listed species, associated with the Elliott State Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) in Oregon.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION under the heading Correction regarding the corrected date for submission of comments.

ADDRESSES: All comments concerning the preparation of the EIS and the NEPA process should be addressed to: Lee Folliard, (503) 231–6179 or Chuck Wheeler (541) 957–3379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 9, 2005, a document was published in the Federal Register (70 FR 24450) with an incorrect date for written comment submissions.

Need for Correction

The document stated written comments would be accepted for 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register. The date for accepting written comments should read 45 days after date of publication. Accordingly, the DATES section of the document is corrected to read as follows:

DATES:

Public scoping meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. May 24, 2005, 6–10 p.m.; Roseburg, OR.
2. May 25, 2005, 6–10 p.m.; North Bend, OR.
3. May 26, 2005, 6–10 p.m.; Salem, OR.

Written comments should be received on or before June 23, 2005.

Dated: March 17, 2005.

David J. Wesley,
Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

Dated: May 18, 2005.

Phil Williams,
Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA 660–05–1330–EP]

Proposed Otay Hills Quarry Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact (EIR).

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 40 CFR 1508.22, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), notice is herby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the San Diego County Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU) intend to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed development of a rock quarry on private land and federal mineral estate. The proposed EIS/EIR will describe and analyze alternatives for a proposed operation to extract construction aggregates on a 210-acre site in the foothills of Otay Mountain, San Diego County, California.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing to the address listed below. Additionally, public meetings will be held to encourage public input. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site (http://www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings) at least 15 days prior to the event. Additional opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the draft EIS/EIR.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Greg Hill, Otay Hills Project, Bureau of Land Management, 690 W. Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258 or by fax at (760) 251–4899, or by e-mail at gchill@ca.blm.gov.

Documents pertinent to this proposal, including comments with the names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office located at 690 W. Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, California, during regular business hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS/EIR. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Greg Hill, Otay Hills Project, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, (760) 251–4840, or by e-mail at gchill@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Superior Ready Mix Company proposes to mine rock for the production of construction aggregates on their property on Otay Mesa, in southwestern San Diego County. The extraction area includes 15 acres of land for which the mineral rights (federal split estate) are held by
the United States and administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Additionally, the project site lies within the boundary of the San Diego County Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan and will require a Major amendment to said plan through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). The site is 2.5 miles north east of the Otay Mesa International Border Crossing, approximately 1/4 mile north of the intersection of Alta Road and Otay Mesa Road. The proposed rock quarry operations will include phased recovery of rock resources, materials processing, concrete batch plant, cement treated base plant, asphalt batch plant, and recycling of asphalt and concrete products. Operations are expected to last approximately 50 years. The total anticipated production of the extraction operations is estimated to be 50 million tons (~25 million cubic yards). Approximately seven million tons is proposed to be extracted from the Federal mineral estate. These Federal mineral materials are proposed to be disposed of in accordance with the 1947 Minerals Act (61 Stat. 681) and the Federal mineral materials disposal regulations at 43 CFR part 3600. Total annual production amounts are anticipated to be between 0.6–1.0 million tons of aggregate. The proposed project would generate approximately 460 round trip truck trips per day. The project would also create biological preserve areas prior to extraction. Due to the long-term nature of the extraction activities on the project site, ongoing extraction and reclamation would occur consecutively. As final slopes are graded, these areas would be reclaimed in accordance with reclamation objectives. Reclamation of the site includes the creation of a nearly level pad up to 165 acres in size and an open space easement along the eastern portion of the site. Potential end land uses must be consistent with San Diego County’s East Otay Mesa Specific Plan which governs land use on the project site. Two likely uses compatible with the underlying plan and zoning designations for the site include residential development and/or mixed industrial development. The project alternatives are: (A) Proposed Action (210-acre rock quarry, materials processing, batch plants, and recycling of asphalt and concrete products) (B) Reduced Footprint (80-acre rock quarry, materials processing, batch plants, and recycling of asphalt and concrete products) (C) No Build/No Project (Two Scenarios): No Build Alternative would set the baseline environmental setting for the site and would assume that this area will remain undeveloped; No Project Alternative would assume that the site would be developed per the existing land uses approved with the East Otay Mesa Specific Plan.

Dated: March 2, 2005.
Gail Acheson, Field Manager, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

[UT–062–05–1220–PM]

Notice of Camping, Parking, Wood Cutting and Wood Gathering Restrictions, Moab Field Office, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

ACTION: Notice of camping, parking, wood cutting, and wood gathering restrictions—Moab Field Office, Utah.

SUMMARY: This notice, applicable to specified public lands administered by BLM’s Moab Field Office, limits camping to developed sites and areas (developed campgrounds and designated camping sites), allows BLM to limit the size of designated camping and parking areas, and requires the use of portable toilets at designated camp sites where toilets are not provided. Additionally, this notice prohibits wood cutting and gathering, including Christmas tree cutting, in these intensively used areas. These actions are necessary to protect natural resources, maintain quality recreation opportunities, and provide for public safety.

DATES: This notice is effective May 24, 2005, and shall remain in effect until modified by the authorized officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell von Koch, Recreation Branch Chief, BLM Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah 84532, or telephone 435–259–2100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Frequent use of public lands near Moab, Utah for camping and parking (and related vehicle and off-highway vehicle use) at undeveloped sites, and associated wood cutting and gathering, are damaging soils, vegetation, cultural resources, and scenic values in the locations that are listed below and may damage paleontological values in some of the areas. In addition, certain of these areas have nearby residences, and sanitation is a problem at heavily used sites. The following actions are necessary to halt ongoing impacts and prevent future degradation of resource values, limit impacts on neighboring landowners, provide for sanitation and public safety, and maintain the quality of recreation opportunities.

Camping, Parking, Wood Cutting and Gathering Restrictions

To provide for public safety and halt ongoing impacts and prevent future degradation of resource values, limit impacts on neighboring landowners (where present), and maintain the quality of recreation opportunities, the following actions are necessary on a year-round basis. Camping on BLM administered public land in the following areas is limited to developed campgrounds and designated camping sites. Possession, set up for usage, and use of portable toilets for solid human body waste is required for overnight use at all designated campsites in the areas described below, except at sites where constructed toilets are provided. (A portable toilet is defined as (1) containerized and reusable, (2) commercially available biodegradable system that is landfill disposable, or (3) a toilet within a camper, trailer, or motorhome.) Disposal of portable toilet waste off public land is required. Wood cutting and gathering, including Christmas tree cutting, on BLM administered public land within all of the areas described below is prohibited at all times.

1. Kane Creek Crossing: the area of public land where the Kane Creek Road crosses Kane Creek (below Hurrah Pass). This includes the public lands in the following sections: T. 27 S., R. 21 E., Sections 10, 14 and 15, the southern half of Section 3, and the southern half of Section 9.

2. Courthouse/Mill/Tusher/Bartlett/Hidden/Brinks Canyon area: this area includes public lands south of the Blue Hills Road (including side roads up Courthouse Wash, Mill Canyon, Tusher Canyon, Bartlett Canyon, and Hidden Canyon), west of U.S. Highway 191, north of Utah Highway 313, and east of the Dubinky Well Road.

3. Areas identified in the Canyon Rims Special Recreation Management Area Recreation Plan where camping is restricted. These are public lands within a one-mile radius around Windwhistle and Hatch Campgrounds, the Looking Glass Rock interpretive site, and the Needles and Anticline overlooks.

4. Areas to the west of and adjacent to residential areas in Moab and Spanish Valley. These include the lands in the following sections: T. 26 S., R. 21